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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Efron (1979) introduced the bootstrap method of resampling as a ubiquitous sampling technique of estimating the variance of an estimator and a sampling distribution of a given statistic. In a fundamental paper, Bhattacharya and Ghosh (1978) have demonstrated that Edgeworth expansions for a wide class of statistics can be derived from Edgeworth expansions for multivariate sample means. This technique has been used by Singh (1981) to show, in the case of univariate sample mean, that the bootstrap is more accurate than the central limit theorem when higher order population moments exist. These ideas are further exploited by Babu and Singh (1983, 1984) to show the superiority of the bootstrap method and by Babu and Singh (1985) to obtain Edgeworth expansions for the ratio statistic and similar statistics based on

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samples from finite populations. The method is also used by Babu and Singh (1989) to obtain global Edgeworth expansions for functions of means of random vectors, when one of the coordinates has a lattice distribution and the remaining part of the vector has a strongly non-lattice distribution. Later Gene and Zinn (1990) showed that in a certain weak sense, the bootstrap method is valid (consistent) if and only if the central limit theorem holds. In fact the central limit theorem furnishes accuracy of approximation of order  $o(1)$ , while if the third population moment exists, one can expect, in many commonly encountered populations the accuracy of the bootstrap method to be of order  $o(n^{-1/2})$ , where  $n$  denotes the sample size. Thus while the bootstrap method has the potential of being second-order accurate; the central limit approximation is not so. This is one of the several reasons for the current interest and preference in the literature for those methods of resampling that are second-order accurate, i.e., accurate of the order  $o(n^{-1/2})$ .

Stemming from Efron's observation that the information content of a bootstrap sample is based on approximately  $(1 - e^{-1})100\% \approx 63\%$  of the original sample, Rao, Pathak and Koltchinskii (1997) have introduced a sequential resampling method in which sampling is carried out one-by-one (with replacement) until  $(m + 1)$  distinct original observations appear, where  $m$  denotes the largest integer not exceeding  $(1 - e^{-1})n$ . The last observation is discarded to ensure simplicity in technical details. It has been shown that the empirical characteristics of this sequential bootstrap are within a distance of order  $O(n^{-3/4})$  from the usual bootstrap. The authors provide a heuristic argument in favor of their sampling scheme and establish the consistency of the sequential bootstrap; however the question of second-order correctness was not addressed.

One of the main advantages of the sequential bootstrap over the classical fixed sample size bootstrap is its performance in estimating the variance of an estimator, when the original data contains several identical values. This situation occurs when the sample is drawn from a population with a distribution that is not continuous. To be more specific, suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d random variables satisfying  $P(X_1 = 0) = .3$ . Then with positive probability, about 30% of the data  $X_i$  are equal to 0.

With positive probability, several bootstrap resamples end up in  $n$  zeros, leading to a zero estimate of variance. On the other hand the sequential bootstrap, by sampling until  $m$  distinct labels  $X_i$  are selected, guarantees a resample that contains elements other than 0. Hence the sequential bootstrap scheme has an edge over the classical bootstrap, especially when dealing with categorical data.

The main object of this paper is to examine the second order correctness of the sequential bootstrap. The theoretical justification of this is somewhat more difficult because of the dependence among the bootstrap sample units. At this time a rigorous Edgeworth expansion under this kind of dependence is unavailable in the literature. A cumbersome approach based on computation of cumulants, under the (unsubstantiated) assumption that a formal Edgeworth expansion is valid, may be given along the lines of the Hall-Mammen (1994) paper. This does not lead to a complete solution as the Edgeworth expansions are not known. Instead we first approximate the sequential bootstrap by another sequential resampling scheme based on the Poisson distribution. Under the new scheme the "independence" of sample units under resampling is preserved. A rigorous justification of the Edgeworth expansion can now be given more easily. This then provides a sound theoretical framework in which the second order correctness for the sequential bootstrap can be established. In this paper we concentrate on sample means of  $k$ -variate random vectors. The Edgeworth expansions for smooth functions of multivariate sample means follow from similar expansions for multivariate means as in Bhattacharya and Ghosh (1978).

## 2. SEQUENTIAL RESAMPLING SCHEMES

Let  $S = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  be a random sample from a distribution  $F$ , and  $\theta(F)$  a parameter of interest. Let  $F_n$  denote the empirical distribution function based on  $S$ , and suppose that  $\theta(F_n)$  is to be used as an estimator of  $\theta(F)$ . The Efron's bootstrap method approximates the sampling distribution of a standardized version of  $\sqrt{n}(\theta(F_n) - \theta(F))$  by the resampling distribution of a corresponding statistic  $\sqrt{n}(\theta(\hat{F}_n) - \theta(F_n))$  based on a bootstrap sample  $\hat{S}_n$  in which the original  $F$  has been replaced by the empirical distribution based on the original sample  $S$ , and  $F_n$  of the

former statistic has been replaced by the empirical distribution based on a bootstrap sample  $\hat{F}_n$ . In Efron's bootstrap resampling scheme,  $\hat{S}_n = (\hat{X}_1, \hat{X}_2, \dots, \hat{X}_n)$  is a random sample of size  $n$  drawn from  $S$  by simple random sampling with replacement (SRSWR). In the Rao-Pathak-Koltchinskii (1997) sequential scheme, observations are drawn from  $S$  sequentially by SRSWR until there are  $(m+1) = [n(1 - e^{-1})] + 2$  distinct original observations in the bootstrap sample; the last observation is discarded to ensure technical simplicity. Thus an observed bootstrap sample under the Rao-Pathak-Koltchinskii scheme admits the form:

$$\hat{S}_N = (\hat{X}_1, \hat{X}_2, \dots, \hat{X}_N) \quad (2.1)$$

in which  $\hat{X}_1, \hat{X}_2, \dots, \hat{X}_N$  have  $m \approx n(1 - e^{-1})$  distinct observations from  $S$ . The random sample size  $N$  admits the following decomposition in terms of the independent random variables:

$$N = I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_m \quad (2.2)$$

in which  $m = [n(1 - e^{-1})] + 1$ ;  $I_1 = 1$ , and for each  $k$ ,  $2 \leq k \leq m$ ,

$$P(I_k = j) = \left(1 - \frac{k-1}{n}\right) \left(\frac{k-1}{n}\right)^{j-1}. \quad (2.3)$$

Although we have established the consistency of this sampling scheme, a rigorous proof of its second order correctness requires an Edgeworth expansion for dependent random variables; such an expansion is unavailable in the literature at the present time. An alternative approach that can be used is to slightly modify the preceding resampling scheme so that existing techniques on Edgeworth expansion, such as those of Babu and Bai (1996), Bai and Rao (1992), Babu and Singh (1989) and others, can be employed. A modification of our previous resampling scheme that allows the second-order correctness to go through easily is as follows:

#### *Poisson Resampling Scheme:*

For the selection of a bootstrap sample with a given number  $m$  of distinct units, under the Poisson Resampling Scheme (PRS), we provide a conceptual definition and a practical approach. Let us take a sample  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  of  $n$  independent observations

from  $P(1)$ , i.e., Poisson distribution with mean 1. If there are exactly  $m$  values in the sample, we accept it and take

$$\hat{S} = \{(X_1, \alpha_1), (X_2, \alpha_2), \dots, (X_n, \alpha_n)\}, \quad (2.4)$$

i.e., with the observation  $X_i$  repeated  $\alpha_i$  times, as the bootstrap sample. If the number of nonzero values in  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  is not exactly  $m$ , we reject the entire sample and draw another sample of size  $n$ . The bootstrap sample size  $N$  of  $\hat{S}$  as in (2.1) is a random variable

$$N = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n. \quad (2.5)$$

A practical way of implementing this resampling scheme is to first assign at random  $(n - m)$   $\alpha$ 's a value of zero and to the remaining  $m$   $\alpha$ 's values independently chosen from the Poisson distribution with mean  $\mu = 1$  and censored at  $X = 0$ . An outline of the equivalence of these two procedures is as follows.

**Theorem 2.1.** *The moment generating function  $M_N(t)$  of  $N$ , the sample size of the Poisson resampling scheme, is given by*

$$M_N(t) = \left[ \frac{(e^{e^t-1} - e^{-1})}{(1 - e^{-1})} \right]^m. \quad (2.6)$$

*Proof.* Let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  be  $n$  Poisson variables with mean  $\mu = 1$ . Then it is easily seen that

$$P(N = w) = \text{const} \left( \sum_1 \frac{e^{-n}}{\alpha_1! \alpha_2! \dots \alpha_m!} \right) \quad (2.7)$$

where the sum  $\sum_1$  extends over all positive natural numbers  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$  such that  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_m = w$ . It then follows that (see Pathak (1961))

$$\begin{aligned} P(N = w) &= \text{const} \left[ \frac{e^{-n}}{w!} (m^w - \binom{m}{1} (m-1)^w + \dots \pm 1^w) \right] \\ &= \text{const} \frac{e^{-n}}{w!} (\Delta^m X^w|_{X=0}) \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

where  $\Delta$  is the difference operator with unit increment.

From (2.8) it follows that

$$P(N = w) = \frac{1}{(e-1)^m} \Delta^m \frac{X^w}{w!} \Big|_{X=0}. \quad (2.9)$$

Consequently the moment generating function  $M_N(t)$  of  $N$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_N(t) &= E(e^{tw}) = \sum_{w \geq 0} \frac{e^{tw}}{(e-1)^m} \Delta^m \frac{X^w}{w!} \Big|_{X=0} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(e-1)^m} \sum_{w \geq 0} \Delta^m \frac{(e^t X)^w}{w!} \Big|_{X=0} \\
 &= \Delta^m \frac{e^{Xe^t}}{(e-1)^m} \Big|_{X=0} \tag{2.10}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{(e-1)^m} \left\{ e^{me^t} - \binom{m}{1} e^{(m-1)e^t} + \binom{m}{2} e^{(m-2)e^t} \dots \right\} \\
 &= \frac{e^{me^t}}{(e-1)^m} \left\{ 1 - \binom{m}{1} e^{-t} + \binom{m}{2} e^{-2t} - \dots \right\} \\
 &= \frac{e^{me^t}}{(e-1)^m} (1 - e^{-e^t})^m \\
 &= \left[ \frac{(e^{e^t} - 1)}{(e-1)} \right]^m \\
 &= \left[ \frac{(e^{(e^t-1)} - e^{-1})}{(1 - e^{-1})} \right]^m \tag{2.11}
 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

The preceding theorem shows that the distribution of  $N$  can be viewed as that of the sum of  $m$  IID random variables with a common distribution with the moment generating function given by the formula

$$m(t) = \frac{(e^{(e^t-1)} - e^{-1})}{(1 - e^{-1})} \tag{2.12}$$

It is evident that  $m(t)$  is the moment generating function of the Poisson distribution with  $\mu = 1$  and censored at  $X = 0$ . Let  $Y$  denote a random variable with moment generating function  $m(t)$ . Then  $E(Y) = 1/(1 - e^{-1})$  and  $V(Y) = e(e-2)/(e-1)^2$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(N) &= mE(Y) \\
 &= n + o(1) \tag{2.13}
 \end{aligned}$$



and

$$\begin{aligned} V(N) &= mV(Y) \\ &= n(e-2)/(e-1) + 0(1) \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

With these results, we now proceed to establish the second order correctness of the sequential bootstrap based on the Poisson distribution.

### 3. SECOND ORDER CORRECTION

Let  $\{a_{1,n}, \dots, a_{n,n}\}$  be a sequence of column vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^k$ . In the application we typically use

$$a_{i,n} = (X_i - \bar{X}) \quad \text{with } \bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i. \quad (3.1)$$

Note that  $k$  denotes the dimension of  $X_i$ . Let  $\{Y_j : j \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of non-negative i.i.d. random variables with a lattice distribution of span 1. Let

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= E(Y_1), \quad \sigma^2 = V(Y_1) > 0, \\ \gamma_3 &= E(Y_1 - \mu)^3 \sigma^{-3}, \quad p = P(Y_1 > 0), \quad q = 1 - p. \end{aligned}$$

Further assume that the support of  $Y_1$  has at least two non-zero values. Note that  $\gamma_3 = 1$  if  $Y_1$  has a Poisson distribution with mean  $\mu = 1$ . Let

$$V_n^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{j,n} a'_{j,n}, \quad (3.2)$$

$$c_{j,n} = V_n^{-1} a_{j,n} \quad (3.3)$$

$$p_n(x) = \frac{1}{6n} \sum_{j=1}^n ((c'_{j,n} x)^3 - 3(c'_{j,n} \mathbf{1})^2 (c'_{j,n} x)), \quad (3.4)$$

where  $\mathbf{1}$  denotes the column vector in  $\mathbf{R}^k$  with all the entries equal to 1, and for any vector  $t \in \mathbf{R}^k$ , let

$$d_n(t) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n e^{it' a_{j,n}}. \quad (3.5)$$

Define for any measurable function  $h$  on  $\mathbf{R}^k$ ,

$$M_h = \sup |h(x)| (1 + \|x\|)^{-3}, \quad (3.6)$$

and for any  $\delta > 0$ ,  $x \in \mathbf{R}^k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} w(h, \delta; x) &= \sup_{\|x-z\| < \delta} |h(x) - h(z)|, \\ w(h, \delta) &= \int_{\mathbf{R}^k} w(h, \delta; x) \phi_k(x) dx, \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

where  $\phi_k$  denotes the density of the  $k$ -variate standard normal distribution.

Further define

$$N = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i, \quad \bar{Y} = N/n \quad (3.8)$$

$$U_n = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=1}^n Y_j V_n^{-1} a_{j,n} \quad (3.9)$$

$$T_n = \sum_{j=1}^n I_{\{Y_j > 0\}}, \quad (3.10)$$

and

$$\tilde{\Psi}_n(x) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \gamma_3 P_n(x)\right) \phi_k(x). \quad (3.11)$$

Let  $F_n^0(\cdot|m)$  denote the conditional distribution of

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}\mu}{\sigma} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^n c_{j,n} Y_j = (\mu/\bar{Y}) U_n, \quad (3.12)$$

given  $(T_n = m)$ . We now state the main theorem.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{j,n} = 0$ ,  $E(Y_1^6) < \infty$  and for some  $M > 0$*

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \|a_{j,n}\|^3 < Mn. \quad (3.13)$$

*Suppose for any  $0 < K < L < \infty$ , there exists a  $\gamma = \gamma(K, L) < 1$  such that*

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{K \leq \|t\| < L} |d_n(t)| < \gamma. \quad (3.14)$$

*If  $m - np$  is bounded and if  $h$  is a real valued measurable function on  $\mathbf{R}^k$  with  $M_h < \infty$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\mathbf{R}^k} h(x) (F_n^0(dx|m) - \tilde{\Psi}_n(x) dx) \right| \\ &= o(M_h n^{-1/2}) + o(w(h, \delta_n)), \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

*for some  $\delta_n = o(n^{-1/2})$ .*

Proof of Theorem 3.1 is deferred to the Appendix.

In order to apply Theorem 3.1 to the sequential resampling procedures, let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be IID random vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^k$  with mean vector  $\eta$  and dispersion  $\Sigma$ . Let  $H$  be a three times continuously differentiable function in a neighborhood of  $\eta$  and let  $l(x)$  denote the vector of first order partial derivatives (gradient) of  $H$ . Suppose that the distribution of  $X_1$  is strongly non-lattice, and  $E\|X_1\|^3 < \infty$ . Let  $l(\eta) \neq 0$ ,  $\theta^2 = l'(\eta)\Sigma l(\eta)$  and  $\theta_n^2 = l'(\bar{X})\Sigma_n l(\bar{X})$ , where  $\Sigma_n$  is the sample dispersion. By taking  $a_{i,n} = (X_i - \bar{X})$ , we can apply Theorem 3.1 to arrive at

*Corollary 3.1.* If  $\gamma_3 = 1$ ,  $\mu = \sigma$ ,  $E(Y_1^6) < \infty$  and if  $m - np$  is bounded, then

$$\sup_a \sqrt{n} |P(\sqrt{n} \left( H\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i\right) - H(\bar{X}) \right) \leq a \theta_n | T_n = m, X_1, \dots, X_n) - P(\sqrt{n}(H(\bar{X}) - H(\eta)) \leq a \theta) \rightarrow 0 \quad (3.16)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for almost all sample sequences  $\{X_j\}$ .

*Corollary 3.2.* Suppose the function  $H$  on  $\mathbf{R}^k$  is three times continuously differentiable in a neighborhood of the origin and  $H(0) = 0$ . If  $\gamma_3 = 1$ ,  $E(Y_1^6) < \infty$ , and  $m - np$  is bounded. Then

$$\sup_a \sqrt{n} |P(\sqrt{n} H\left(\frac{\mu}{\sigma N} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}) Y_i\right) \leq a \sqrt{l'(0)\Sigma_n l(0)} | T_n = m, X_1, \dots, X_n) - P(\sqrt{n} H(\bar{X} - \eta) \leq a \sqrt{l'(0)\Sigma l(0)}) \rightarrow 0 \quad (3.17)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for almost all sample sequences  $\{X_j\}$ .

Corollary 3.2 does not assume any relation between  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ , so it is applicable for a wide range of distributions for  $Y_1$ . In particular if  $Y_1$  is negative binomial with parameters  $r \geq 5$ , and  $P(Y_1 = 0) = (2 - (r/2) + (1/2)\sqrt{r(r-4)})^r$ , then  $\gamma_3 = 1$ ,  $\mu = -r + 2r(4 - r + \sqrt{r^2 - 4r})^{-1}$  and  $\sigma^2 = r/(r-4)$ .

Proof of Corollary 3.2 is omitted as it is similar to the proof of Corollary 3.1.

*Proof of Corollary 3.1.* By expanding in Taylor series, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{n} \left( H \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i \right) - H(\bar{X}) \right) \\ &= \frac{\mu}{\bar{Y}} U'_n V_n l(\bar{X}) + \frac{\mu^2}{\sqrt{n} \bar{Y}^2} U'_n V_n L_n V_n U_n + o((\log n)^3 n^{-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

on  $|U_n| < \log n$  and  $|\bar{Y} - \mu| < \frac{\mu}{2}$ .

Since the distribution of  $X_1$  is strongly non-lattice, and  $E\|X_1\|^3$  is assumed to be finite, conditions (3.13) and (3.14) hold for almost all sample sequences  $\{X_i\}$ . By Theorem 3.1 and by Lemma 3 of Babu and Singh (1984), we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(\sqrt{n} \left( H \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i \right) - H(\bar{X}) \right) \leq y | T_n = m, X_1, \dots, X_n) \\ = \int_{-\infty}^y \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \gamma_3 q_0(x) \right) \phi_1(x) dx + o(n^{-1/2}) \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

uniformly in  $y$  for almost all sample sequences, where  $q_0$  is a polynomial. Similarly from the proofs of Theorems 20.8 and 24.2 of Bhattacharya and Ranga Rao (1986),

$$P(\sqrt{n}(H(\bar{X}) - H(\mu)) \leq a\theta) = \int_{-\infty}^a \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} q_0(x) \right) \phi_1(x) dx + o(n^{-1/2}) \quad (3.20)$$

uniformly in  $a$ . The result now follows from (3.19) and (3.20) as  $\gamma_3 = 1$ .

The most commonly used statistics, especially the studentized versions, are of the type

$$t_n = \sqrt{n}(H(\bar{X}) - H(\eta)) / \nu \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda(X_i) \right), \quad (3.21)$$

where  $\lambda$  is a function on  $\mathbf{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^r$  and  $\nu$  is a smooth real-valued function on  $\mathbf{R}^r$ . The classical Student's  $t$  is an example of this type of statistic. If  $X_i$  are univariate, then

$$t_n = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \eta)}{s_n},$$

satisfies (3.21) with  $H(x) = x$ ,  $\lambda(x) = (x^2, x)$ ,  $\nu(x, y) = \max(0, (x - y^2))^{1/2}$  and  $s_n^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$ . The version corresponding to (3.21) under the Poisson scheme is generally of the type,

$$t_n(Y) = \sqrt{n} \left( H \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i \right) - H(\bar{X}) \right) / \nu \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda(X_i) Y_i \right). \quad (3.22)$$

*Corollary 3.3.* Suppose  $Y_i$  is as in Corollary 3.1. Let

$$\nu(E(\lambda(X_1))) = \sqrt{l'(\eta)\Sigma l(\eta)}, \quad (3.23)$$

$$\nu(\bar{X}) = \sqrt{l'(\bar{X})\Sigma_n l(\bar{X})}, \quad (3.24)$$

and let  $L(X_i)$  be a linearly independent sub collection of  $(X_i, \lambda(X_i))$  with the property that all the coordinates of  $(X_i, \lambda(X_i))$  can be expressed as linear combinations of those of  $L(X_i)$ . If the distribution of  $L(X_1)$  is strongly non-lattice,  $E\|L(X_1)\|^3 < \infty$ , and if  $m - np$  is bounded then

$$\sup_a \sqrt{n} |P(t_n(Y) \leq a | T_n = m, X_1, \dots, X_n) - P(t_n \leq a)| \rightarrow 0, \quad (3.25)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for almost all sample sequences  $\{X_j\}$ .

*Remark 1.* If  $Y_1$  is a Poisson random variable with mean 1, then  $\mu = \sigma = \gamma_3 = 1$ . If  $m = [n(1 - e^{-1})] + 1$ , then  $0 \leq m - np \leq 1$ . So Corollaries 3.1 and 3.3 are applicable for the basic Poisson scheme described in Section 2.

#### 4. APPENDIX

To establish Theorem 3.1, we need some preliminary results. Let

$$F_n(x, r, m) = P(U_n \leq x, N = r, T_n = m), \quad (4.1)$$

where  $\nu \leq x$  mean, the inequalities hold coordinate wise. Let

$$Z = (Y_1 - \mu, I_{\{Y_1 > 0\}} - p)',$$

and

$$\Psi_n(x, y) = (1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} Q_n(x, y)) \phi_k(x) \varphi_0(y), \quad (4.2)$$

where  $\varphi_0$  denotes the density of the bivariate normal distribution with zero mean vector and dispersion

$$\Sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & \mu q \\ \mu q & pq \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.3)$$

Suppose

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_n(x, y) = & \gamma_3 p_n(x) + \frac{1}{6} E \left( Z' \Sigma_0^{-1} y \right)^3 \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} (E((Z' \Sigma_0^{-1} y)(Y_1 - \mu)^2 p q + \sigma^2 (q - p) I_{\{Y_1 > 0\}})) / \det \Sigma_0 \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} (\|x\|^2 - k) E \left( \left( \frac{Y_1 - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 Z' \Sigma_0^{-1} y \right). \tag{4.4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the support of  $Y_1$  is assumed to include at least two non-zero values, it follows that  $\Sigma_0$  is positive definite.

**Proposition 4.1.** *Under the conditions of Theorem 3.1,*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\mathbf{R}^k} h(x) (n F_n(dx, r, m) - \Psi_n(x, y_r, \omega_m) dx) \\
 & = (o(M_h n^{-1/2}) + o(\omega(h, \delta_n))) \varphi_0(y_n, \omega_m) \\
 & + o(M_h n^{-1/2}) \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|a_{i,n}\|^3 E(Y_1^3 I_{\{Y_1 \|a_{i,n}\| > \sqrt{n}\}}), \tag{4.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in

$$y_r = (r - n\mu)n^{-1/2}, \quad \omega_m = (m - np)n^{-1/2}, \tag{4.6}$$

for some  $\delta_n = o(n^{-1/2})$ .

**Remark 2.** Under the conditions of Theorem 3.1,

$$\sup_{1 \leq j \leq n} \|a_{j,n}\| = o(n^{1/3}), \tag{4.7}$$

so  $\sup_{1 \leq j \leq n} \|a_{j,n}\| n^{-1/2} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Consequently

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sup_{1 \leq j \leq n} E(Y_1^3 I_{\{Y_1 \|a_{j,n}\| > \sqrt{n}\}}) \\
 & = \sup_{1 \leq j \leq n} \|a_{j,n}\|^3 n^{-3/2} E(Y_1^6 I_{\{Y_1 \|a_{j,n}\| > \sqrt{n}\}}) \\
 & = o(n^{-1/2}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the last term in (4.5) can be replaced by  $o(M_h n^{-1})$ .

The proof of Proposition 4.1 is similar to that of Theorem 1 of Babu and Bai (1996). It uses truncation arguments in the proof of Theorem 20.8 of Bhattacharya and Ranga Rao (1986). The Proposition follows from Lemmas 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 that

are stated below, and Lemma 4 of Babu and Bai (1996). Lemmas 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 are modified versions of the first three lemmas of Babu and Bai (1996). The measure  $J$  in Babu and Bai (1996) is assumed to satisfy  $\int \|x\|^{k+14} dJ(x) < \infty$ .

Before stating the lemmas, we introduce some notation. For non-singular integral vector  $\alpha' = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s)$  and  $z' = (z_1, \dots, z_s) \in \mathbf{R}^s$ , we write

$$|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_s, \quad z^\alpha = z_1^{\alpha_1} \dots z_s^{\alpha_s} \quad \text{and} \quad D^\alpha = D_1^{\alpha_1} \dots D_s^{\alpha_s},$$

where  $D_j$  denotes the partial derivative with respect to the  $j$ -th coordinate.

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $g$  be a real valued function on  $\mathbf{R}^k \times \mathbf{Z}^j$  satisfying*

$$\sum_{\tilde{m} \in \mathbf{Z}^j} \int_{\mathbf{R}^k} (1 + \|x\|)^{s+k+1} |g(x, \tilde{m})| dx < \infty,$$

*for some non-negative  $s$ . Then there exists a constant  $c(k)$  depending only on  $k$  such that, for all  $\tilde{m} \in \mathbf{Z}^j$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbf{R}^k} (1 + \|x\|^s) |g(x, \tilde{m})| dx \\ & \leq c(k) \max_{|\alpha| \leq 1+k+s} \int_G \left( \int_{\mathbf{R}^k} |D^\alpha \hat{g}(t, \nu)| dt \right) d\nu, \end{aligned}$$

*where  $G = [-\pi, \pi]^j$  and  $\hat{g}$  denotes the Fourier transform of  $g$ .*

Proof of Lemma 4.1 is similar to that of Lemma 1 of Babu and Bai (1996) and hence omitted.

**Lemma 4.2.** *Let  $Y^0$  and  $\varepsilon^0$  have the same distributions as that of  $Y$  and  $\varepsilon$  respectively. Suppose  $(Y, \varepsilon)$  and  $(Y^0, \varepsilon^0)$  are independent. Then*

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n |E(e^{it'a_{j,n}Y + i\nu'\varepsilon})|^2 \leq E|d_n(t(Y - Y^0))| \quad (4.8)$$

*Proof of Lemma 2.* The left side of (4.8) is same as

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n E(e^{it'a_{j,n}(Y - Y^0)} e^{i\nu'(\varepsilon - \varepsilon^0)}) \\ & = E(d_n(t(Y - Y^0)) e^{i\nu'(\varepsilon - \varepsilon^0)}) \\ & \leq E|d_n(t(Y - Y^0))|. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 4.3.** *Let  $E(Y_1^3) \leq M_1$  and the smallest eigenvalue of  $\Sigma_0$  is bounded below by  $\sigma_1 > 0$ . Suppose (3.13) holds. Then for  $\|t\| \leq n^{-1/2} \log n$  and  $Mn^{-1/2} \log n < \|\nu\| \leq \pi$ , we have for any  $C \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,*

$$\left| \prod_{j \in C} E(e^{it'a_{j,n}Y_1 + i\nu'Z}) \right| \leq k_1 \exp(b - k_2(\log n)^2)$$

where  $b$  denotes the number of integers in  $C$  and  $k_1, k_2 > 0$  are positive constants depending only on  $M, M_1, b$  and  $\sigma_1$ .

*Proof of Lemma 3.* Since

$$|e^{-i\omega\mu - i\nu p} E(e^{i\omega Y_1 + i\nu I_{\{Y_1 > 0\}}}) - 1 + \frac{1}{2}(\omega, u)\Sigma_0(\omega, u)'| \leq \frac{1}{6}\|(\omega, u)\|^3 M_1,$$

there exists a  $0 < \delta < \pi/8$  and  $\Delta_1 > 0$  depending only on  $\sigma_1$  and  $M_1$  such that

$$\frac{1}{2} \leq |E(e^{i(\omega, u)Z})| \leq 1 - \Delta_1(\omega^2 + u^2),$$

whenever  $|\omega| < 4\delta$  and  $|u| < 4\delta$ . Suppose  $\|t\| \leq n^{-1/2} \log n$ , and  $Mn^{-1/2} \log n < \|\nu\| < \delta$ . Then for some  $\Delta > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \prod_{j=1}^n E(e^{it'a_{j,n}Y_1 + i\nu'Z}) \right| &\leq \prod_{j=1}^n (1 - \Delta((t'a_{j,n})^2 + \|\nu\|^2)) \\ &\leq e^{-\Delta n \|t'V_n\|^2 - n\Delta \|\nu\|^2} \\ &\leq e^{-\Delta M(\log n)^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.9}$$

Further observe that

$$\begin{aligned} |E(e^{i\omega Y_1 + i\nu I_{\{Y_1 > 0\}}})| &= |q + p e^{i\nu} E(e^{i\omega Y_1} | Y_1 > 0)| \\ &\leq q + p |E(e^{i\omega Y_1} | Y_1 > 0)| \\ &\leq 1 - \gamma_0 < 1, \end{aligned}$$

for some  $\gamma_0 > 0$ , whenever  $\frac{\delta}{2} < |\omega| < \pi + \delta$ . Hence

$$|E(e^{it'a_{j,n}Y_1 + i\nu'Z})| \leq 1 - \gamma_0,$$

whenever  $\|t\| \leq n^{-1/2} \log n$  and  $\delta \leq \|\nu\| \leq \pi$ . This completes the proof of Lemma 4.3.



*Proof of Theorem 3.1.* Let  $H_n$  denote the indicator function of  $(2|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n Y_j - \mu| > \mu)$ . Suppose  $m - np$  is bounded. By Markov inequality,  $E(H_n) = O(n^{-3})$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} E(H_n | T_n = m) &= E(H_n) / P(T_n = m) \\ &= O(n^{-3}) (P(T_n = m))^{-1} \\ &= O(n^{-5/2}). \end{aligned}$$

Clearly

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y_1 H_n N^{-1} | T_n = m) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E(Y_i H_n N^{-1} | T_n = m) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} E(H_n | T_n = m) \\ &= O(n^{-7/2}). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, there exists a constant  $M_2 > 0$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} M_2 E(h(\sqrt{n}\mu \sum_{j=1}^n c_{j,n} Y_j / (N\sigma)) | T_n = m) \\ \leq E(H_n | T_n = m) + n^{3/2} E(\| \sum_{j=1}^n c_{j,n} Y_j N^{-1} H_n \|^3 | T_n = m) \\ = O(n^{-7/2}) + n^{3/2} E(\sum_{j=1}^n \|c_{j,n}\|^3 Y_j N^{-1} H_n | T_n = m) \\ = O(n^{-7/2}) + O(n^{3/2} E(H_n | T_n = m)) \\ = O(n^{-1}). \end{aligned} \tag{4.10}$$

By (3.12), (4.1) and (4.6), we have

$$F_n^0(x|m) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} F_n(x(1 + (y_j/\mu\sqrt{n})), y_j, \omega_m) / P(T_n = m),$$

and by Proposition 4.1,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j: 2|y_j| < \mu\sqrt{n}} h(x/(1 - (y_j/\mu\sqrt{n}))) \right. \\ & \quad \times (nF_n(dx, y_j, \omega_m) - \Psi_n(x, y_j, \omega_m)dx) \\ & = (o(M_h n^{-1/2}) + o(\omega(h, \delta_n))) \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{|y_j| \leq \mu\sqrt{n}} \varphi_0(y_j, \omega_m) + o(M_h n^{-1/2}) \\ & = o(M_h n^{-1/2}) + o(\omega(h, \delta_n)). \end{aligned} \tag{4.11}$$

By Theorem 13 on local Edgeworth expansions on pages 205-206 of Petrov (1975), we have

$$\sqrt{pqn}P(T_n = m) = \phi_1(\omega_m/\sqrt{pq}) \left( 1 + \frac{q-p}{6\sqrt{npq}} \left( \left( \frac{\omega_m}{\sqrt{pq}} \right)^3 - \frac{\omega_m}{\sqrt{pq}} \right) \right) + o(n^{-1/2}). \quad (4.12)$$

The Theorem now follows from (4.11) and (4.12), as in the proof of Theorem 6 of Babu and Bai (1996).

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